Dewan.—Sugar-cane is planted most irregularly and there is therefore unnecessary waste of water in supplying water to it. Cannot this be prevented by some system of block irrigation by which sugar-cane is grown in compact blocks according to a rotation agreed upon by the ryots?

Mr. Anniah Pandit.—This can be done if Government and the ryots are able to come to some definite arrangement.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 106.

Tank Inspectors to inspect all tanks.

Mr. Hutchaviregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Tank Inspectors do not inspect major and minor tanks regularly in order to find out if the villagers have done the earthwork that they should The consequence is that ryots are sometimes obliged to do all the work at once and in a short time, the accumulated work of three or four years. This tells very hard upon them. Tank Inspectors may therefore be directed to inspect both major and minor tanks and submit an annual statement showing the progress of the work done by villagers, and also be held responsible for the progress of this work.

Reply of Government.—Will be enquired into. Tank Inspectors are required to send diaries from which the Amildars and Sub-Division Officers are able to see what tanks have been inspected by them. It is desirable to maintain in each Taluk Office a tankwar ledger in which should be noted the dates on which each tank was inspected and the name of the officer and the condition in which he found it.

SUBJECT No. 107.

Reservation of the prescribed margin from toe of tank bunds, etc., during resurvey.

Mr. Hutchaviregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Below the tank bunds and channels, sufficient margin has not been left. This causes inconvenience in repairing the bund and channels. In the original survey no arrangements were made in the matter of leaving vacant land below them. The boundary marks of the lands under the tanks and channels are put up quite at the foot of the bund. During the resurvey this defect may be ordered to be rectified by the Survey Department. It is necessary that if the portion to be reserved is under occupation, compensation should be paid to him and the land acquired.

Reply of Government.—There are standing orders on the subject. Individual cases in which they are not carried out should be reported.

SUBJECT No. 108.

Strip of land under the shade of avenue trees to be converted into kharab.

Mr. Honnalingegowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Crops grown on lands by the side of the avenue trees on roadsides are injuriously affected by the shade of such trees falling on them. Such lands may be classed as *kharab* and the rate of *kandayam* thereon reduced.